My introduction to Economics was in the ninth grade. Itook an instant liking for the subject and decided to pursue it further. Then, for my high school education, I got the opportunity to expand my interest to the combination of - Economics, Business Management and Mathematics. I have fallen in love with these subjects ever since.

Within Economics, I gravitate towards microeconomics. Topics such as theory of firms, elasticities, government intervention and market failure interest me the most. I follow the dynamically changing economic markets of various countries and try to access and analyse the impact of governmental policy, and decision making on the economic growth of countries.

While I was in the tenth grade, the Goods and Service tax was introduced in our country. Although similar taxes have existed in other developed countries, this was novel to India. I was curious and wanted to learn more since it was coincidentally the same time that I was introduced to the topic of taxation in my Economics class. The expertise of my father, a chartered accountant by profession, was hugely relevant in adding to my knowledge repository and interest in this area so much so that I used the topic of ‘Goods and Service tax’ for both my research project and extended essay in IBDP.

I researched on Goods and Service tax implemented in my country and its impact on the indirect tax structure on our people. As part of the research, to gain information and for analysis, I interviewed experiences advocates and chartered accountants, and documented their thoughts and insight in questionnaires. As a consequence, I now have significant understanding about how the GST structure works and wish to explore it further.

During my high school education, I saw how closely Economics was intertwined with Business Management. I particularly enjoyed studying Marketing and Finance related topics. Hence, at the university, I am applying for a double-degree program in Economics and Business Management.

I chose to study in the UK because of the flexibility in curriculum it offers. The choice of courses within the program and the opportunity to customise the courses based on my developing interest is my primary reason for applying to UK universities. I also look forward to learning from and contributing to the various group projects, case study sessions and mentorship programs at the university. The scope of acquiring knowledge first-hand from world renowned professors and the possibility of collaborating with fellow students from different parts of the world also excites me. Besides, excelling in academics, I also wish to develop my social skills and make lasting friends at the university.

Apart from academics, I am very interested in sports and photography. I believe in staying fit and have participated in a variety of sports activities. I started playing tennis when I was four and have been playing the sport ever since. I alsooccasionally enjoy playing table tennis and swimming.

I like to capture candid emotions which is why I enjoy photography. Photography is my way of viewing different perspectives of a moment. It is my creative outlet, a way of making a statement and also the way to acquaint others of my point of view. I use social media to showcase my work, particularly landscape and travel photography. In order to improve my photography skills, I have done an online course on the same which helped me broaden my technical understanding of the art form. The course taught me to capture a moment from different angles.

Although I haven’t arrived at a specific career path to pursue later in life, I am definite that it will be at the intersection of Economics and Business Management. My current aim is to focus on the undergraduate studies and during the next few years at the university, I hope to be able to arrive at the best career that suits my interests.